CITY of ELGIN

COUNCIL MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 14, 1999

COUNCILORS PRESENT- Pat McMullen
John Stover
John McElravy
Joe Estes
John Braughton
Berta Churchill - Mayor

ABSENT- Glenn Clark

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Mayor Berta Churchill

Approval of Minutes
The Mayor called for approval of the minutes of the meeting of August 10,1999 and August 12, 1999. Councilor Braughton noted that the rock available from Henderson is priced at $6.00/yd rather than $5.85 as stated in the minutes of August 10. With that correction, he moved to approve the of minutes August 10 and the minutes of August 12 as presented, with Councilor McMullen as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

Supervisors Reports
The Mayor called for the supervisors reports.

Police- Chief Sibley was present. He requested that the Council consider trading the "DARE" car to Lee Doud for a 4x4 pickup truck. After discussion Councilor Estes moved to approve the trade, with Councilor McElravy as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

Public works- Kyle Boylen, absent; written report submitted. He stated that the rock offered by Henderson was too clean and would not be adequate for our graveled streets. He also noted that Kevin would inspect the driveway culvert at Hallgarth's property.

Library- Sandra Good was present. She presented a written report and the annual circulation statistical report.

Fire- Chief McDonald; absent, no report.
Ambulance- absent, no report.

Municipal Court- Ralph Howell presented the monthly court report.

Recorder/Administrator- Joe Garlitz noted that the audit report was complete and presented for the Council's review.

Citizens to Speak
Joe Garlitz gave an update of Elgin EDGE activities. He noted that Cycle Oregon was making a lunch stop in Elgin on Saturday September 18. Elgin EDGE and the "Philly" trip parents and kids would be serving the lunch at the Community Center park/ball field. He also informed the Council that there is nothing new (yet) to report on a possible land swap between Boise Cascade and Union County Economic Development District.

Arliene Thompson was present with her neighbors on North 12th street. She presented a petition requesting that N.12th be included in the streets to be chip sealed in 2000. She noted that they have been told that the street was scheduled for chip-sealing this year, last year and the previous year. Councilor Stover noted that the City is extending a water line from 11th to 12th, and did not want to chip seal the street until this work was done. The water line is being installed now and will be completed this fall. This will allow N12th to be chip sealed in 2000.

Committee Reports
The Mayor then called for the committee reports.

Administration: Councilors McMullen and Estes stated that the bills had been reviewed.

Public Works: Councilor Braughton noted that the City would not be interested in the gravel purchase from Henderson per Kyle's letter.

Public Safety:
Councilor Stover informed the Council that he had reviewed the by-law changes proposed for the EMTs and recommended approval. Councilor Stover moved to approve the by-laws as presented, with Councilor McMullen as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.
Councilor Stover noted that he had requested someone from ODOT to come to the Council to discuss truck parking on Highway 204 at 14th Street. This is becoming a hazard and should be addressed. He also requested some one from the State Fish and Wildlife to address the Council regarding a large population of deer that have taken up residence in the City.

Old Business
Conditional Use hearing, Ernie Baker/Community Bank.
At the August meeting, the Council held a public hearing regarding Mr. Baker's request for a conditional use permit on property purchased by him on Pumpkin Ridge Road. Mayor Churchill asked if there was other testimony to be presented on this matter. Hearing none she asked the Council for their decision.

Councilor Braughton moved to approve the conditional use as requested for a riding arena, office and residence necessary to support the operation of the business to be established, with Councilor Estes as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.
It was noted that the office and residential use permitted by this action was strictly a supplemental use to the allowed business uses of the property. The business uses are those uses permitted outright for the Industrial zone, or uses allowed as conditional uses listed for the Industrial zone.

Bid for repair of Opera House restrooms.
Gary Anderson Construction has submitted a bid to repair a restroom in the Opera House. The bid was for $551.80 to remove the existing toilet and damaged floor and install new 1/4" underlayment. The operators of the Opera House will replace the tile flooring and reinstall the existing toilet.
After discussion, Councilor Stover moved to accept the bid from Gary Anderson as presented, with Councilor Estes as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

New Business
Annual audit report; Mr. Garlitz briefly reviewed the audit report with the Council. He stated that the Councilors should pay special attention to the notes in the report. If the Councilors have any questions about the report, the staff at Snyder, Sydel, et al will be glad to help them out even to attending a Council meeting if requested.

EMT scholarships; The Elgin EMTs have requested that the City provide training scholarships for EMT training and certification. This program worked very well and helped two trainees get their certification last year. Councilor Stover moved to allow two EMT training scholarships this year, with Councilor McMullen as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

Correspondence; the following correspondence was reviewed:
Minutes of Elgin Clinic advisory committee meeting was presented to the Council.

ODOT, Priority projects on highways in Elgin. ODOT is reviewing capital construction projects for the Region 5 system. They have identified reconstruction of 204 from 8th Street to the State shop as a priority project in

Elgin. The Council identified the intersection at 204 an d82 as another project that needs attention.

Good of the Order

Mr. Garlitz presented a letter from Rep Mark Simmons to the legislative committee. His letter states his intension of drafting an initiative petition for a constitutional amendment. The proposed amendment would prohibit public bodies from using public moneys to hire lobbyists, or to cover the travel expenses of elected officials who go the Salem to lobby on behalf of the public agency.

Mr. Garlitz noted that this proposal is problematic for all cities, special districts and school districts in the State. The legislature is presented a large number of bills from special interest groups with well funded lobbyists that directly and frequently adversely affect public bodies, without the availability of resources to state the case for our people regarding these bills, there will be no effective voice in Salem to protect the public interest. He suggested that the Councilors review the draft proposal by Rep. Simons to determine what action they feel is appropriate.

Councilor McMullen moved to approve the bills as submitted, with Councilor McElravy as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

Mayor Churchill recessed the regular meeting to an executive session to review personnel matters.

Mayor Churchill reconvened the meeting. Councilor Estes moved to accept the resignation submitted by EMT Emily Shumway, with Councilor Braughton as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

Mayor Churchill called a special meeting of the Council for tomorrow, September 15, to review Ms. Shumway's resignation with her. Unless Ms. Shumway requests an open meeting, the review will be in executive session.

Councilor Estes moved to adjourn, with Councilor McMullen as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted;

Joe Garlitz,
Recorder/Administrator